

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the final Office Action mailed July 3, 2007. Claims 1-16 are in this Application. Claims 1-11, 13 and 16 are withdrawn. Claim 15 is amended. Claims 17 to 27 have been added. No claim has been canceled. Thus, Claims 12, 14-15, and 17-27 are currently pending in this application.

In the Office Action mailed July 3, 2007, the Examiner issued a requirement for restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 on the basis that multiple inventions are claimed in the pending application. The Examiner identified four inventions (identified as Groups I to IV). Applicant elects without traverse Group II, which corresponds to Claims 12, 14 and 15, and new Claims 17-27. Applicant withdraws without prejudice Claims 1-11, 13 and 16 from further prosecution but expressly reserves the right to prosecute those claims in one or more divisional applications under 35 U.S.C. § 121, and to receive benefit of the filing date of this application and any application having an earlier priority date that is permitted under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the Application is in condition for allowance, and Applicant earnestly seeks such allowance of Claims 12, 14-15, and 17-27. Should the Examiner have any questions, comments, or suggestions in furtherance of the prosecution of this Application, please contact Applicant's attorney at 214.999.4712. Applicant, through its attorney, stands ready to conduct a telephone interview with the Examiner to review this Application if the Examiner believes that such an interview would assist in the advancement of this Application.

To the extent that any further fees are required during the pendency of this Application, including petition fees, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees, including, without limitation, any fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 07-0153 of Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP and reference Attorney Docket No. 119941.001100. In the event that any additional time is needed for this filing, or any additional time in excess of that requested in a petition for an extension of time, please consider this a petition for an extension of time for any needed extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 or any other section or provision of Title 37. Applicant respectfully requests that the Commissioner grant any such petition and authorize the Commissioner to charge the Deposit Account referenced above. Please credit any overpayments to this same Deposit Account.

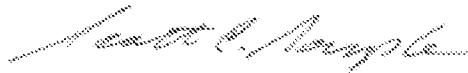
This is intended to be a complete response to the Office Action mailed July 3, 2007.

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